

CITY OF VANCOUVERSPECIAL COUNCIL - MAY 13, 1976

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, May 13, 1976, in the Council Chamber at approximately 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Boyce
Aldermen Bowers, Cowie, Harcourt, Sweeney
and Volrich

ABSENT: Mayor Phillips
Alderman Bird
Alderman Kennedy
Alderman Marzari
Alderman Rankin

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: M. Kinsella

Local Improvements by Petition

MOVED by Ald. Bowers,
SECONDED by Ald. Sweeney,

THAT this Council resolve itself into a Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the proposed assessments or the accuracy of frontage measurements, or any other complaint which persons interested may desire to make and which is by law cognizable by the Court, Deputy Mayor Boyce in the Chair.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COURT OF REVISION

Pavements and Curbs (Higher Zoned), Pavement and Curbs (Local Residential), Lane Pavements (Higher Zoned), Lane Pavements (Residential Standard), P.C. Concrete Sidewalks on School Collector Streets, P.C. Concrete Sidewalks, Speed Deterrent Bumps -
Schedule #436

The Court received from the Collector of Taxes, Schedule #436 listing 276 local improvement projects at various locations by petition. The projects had been requested by the majority of the assessed owners by means of a sufficiently signed petition.

The Court also noted requestes submitted by the Collector of Taxes to adjust measurements on items 66, 94 and 146.

MOVED by Ald. Harcourt,
SECONDED by Ald. Bowers,

THAT Schedule #436 as submitted by the Collector of Taxes and amended by this Court, be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Cowie,
SECONDED by Ald. Volrich,

THAT the Court of Revision rise and report.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL

MOVED by Ald. Harcourt,
SECONDED by Ald. Bowers,

THAT the report of the Court of Revision be received.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Local Improvement Subsequent
Procedure - Schedule #436

The Council heard the following representations speaking for or against the projects listed:

	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Mr. Daykin	48	Representing the Cedar Cottage/ Kensington neighbourhood, suggested that consideration be given to widening 29th Avenue to 46 feet to provide for possible future bus service.
Messrs. Worobec, Gemmell & Soroka	91	Opposed to the project as paving of this lane would cause drainage problems on their properties.
Messrs. Serink, Dancs and Holloway	91	Addressed Council in favour of this project.
Mr. G. Simons	108	Requested an explanation of the dramatic rise in cost from that of the original quoted when the preliminary notices were cir- culated. The Engineer replied to his questions.
Mr. D. Prestia	254	Asked that this project be completed if possible before commencement of the P.N.E. The Engineering Department representative assured Mr. Prestia that the project will be completed this year and every effort will be made to have it completed prior to the P.N.E.
Mr. Wm. Skinner	270	Stated that he was not in favour of the installation of speed bumps in this lane.
Mr. P. McCrea	270	Contested the validity of the original petition taken on the basis that the cost estimate was inaccurate in that the original petition indicated 5¢ per foot and the tax notice recently received shows 10¢ per foot. He submitted a petition which he had recently taken which indicates that 61% of the residents are opposed on the basis of having received inaccurate estimates.
Mrs. L. Whiting	270	Spoke against the undertaking of this project.
Mr. T. Markham	270	Also opposed the project as he considered speed bumps would encourage children to use the lane as a playground for which purpose it is unsafe.

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Local Improvement Subsequent Procedure
Schedule #436 (cont'd)

	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Mr. G. Geary	270	Also opposed the project for same reasons as the previous speaker.
Mr. D. Flower	169	Spoke in favour of this project.
Mr. Astell	13	Spoke in favour of this project
Mr. L. Jantzen	35 & 69	With respect to project #35, he suggested that the street width should be 32 feet instead of 27 feet and he also requested that resident-only parking signs be installed on this street. Deputy Mayor Boyce suggested that he contact the Traffic Engineer with respect to resident-only parking signs. With respect to project #69, he enquired whether the Church in the block would also be assessed for the improvements to the lane and the answer was that the Church will be assessed on a footage basis.
Mr. H. Lawson	88	Stated that this block is comprised of two residential properties with the remainder being commercial. He indicated that there is a lot of truck traffic in the lane. He does not use the lane and neither does the other resident of the lane as he does not own a car. The representative of the Engineering Department advised him that the residential properties were assessed only on the cost of residential lanes although the lane will be built for commercial traffic.
Mr. L. McDonald	38	Opposed to the project on the basis that the street width is too narrow compared to adjacent blocks which are 50 feet. Mr. Townsend advised that when the adjacent streets are paved, they too will be 27 feet wide.
Mr. H. Dinicola	118	Advised that if this project is proceeded with it would cause a drainage problem on his property. Mr. Townsend advised that his Department has already noted this matter and it will be looked after when the project is undertaken.
Mr. A. Delli Santi	23 & 241	Opposed both of these projects on the basis of cost.

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Local Improvement Subsequent Procedure
Schedule #436 (cont'd)

	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Mr. S.D. Purves	93	Spoke in favour but requested that consideration be given to the location of the drains and the level of the lane, as if this is paved at the present level, it could cause drainage problems to the properties in the area. Mr. Townsend advised that he has noted this concern.
Mrs. L. Pesut	188	Stated that her home is located in a commercial zone and is therefore zoned commercial, although used for residential purposes. Mr. Currie, Budgets Engineer, advised that to adjust her assessment would require rezoning of her property to residential or Council could give her special relief under Section 67 of the By-law, however, this would require 8 votes.
Mr. L. Pittet	39	Opposed to the project as he is concerned about the location of the sewer which is very shallow. Mr. Townsend advised that the Sewer Division will clear up this matter before paving is done.
Mr. D. Balzarini	181	Concerned that when the lane is paved, the amount of traffic using it as a shortcut from Arbutus Street to adjacent residential areas would increase. It was suggested that Mr. Balzarini contact the Traffic Engineering Department to discuss this problem.
Mrs. A. Dalglish	201	Opposed to the project as paving would encourage faster traffic to use the lane and create a danger to children. Council noted letters circulated from Mrs. Dalglish and Ms. M. Gammon opposing the project.
Mr. J. Campbell	97	Opposed to the project. He filed a new petition dated May 10, 1976, which indicated a number of the residents are opposed to this project. He suggested that the project be re-petitioned.
Mrs. E. Loss	250	Spoke in favour of the project but questioned why the cost had increased 100% since the original petition was circulated. It was suggested that Mrs. Loss discuss the matter of the increase with the Engineers after the meeting.

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Schedule #436 (cont'd)

	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Mr. Edmondson	218	Spoke in favour of the project, however, he enquired if it were possible to have speed bumps installed in the lane because of the amount of traffic using the lane particularly between the hours of 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. It was suggested that if the residents want speed bumps, that they obtain a petition for this purpose from the Engineering Department.
Mr. F. Sprekelsen	108	Stated that his residence is located on the flank portion of the lane which was in very good condition and did not need paving.

Council also noted letters received from the following which were circulated prior to the meeting:

- (a) Mr.&Mrs. H.B. Helgason on behalf of petitioners (Petition Filed)
- (b) Mr.&Mrs. W.A. Thrift on behalf of petitioners (Petition Filed)
- (c) Mr.&Mrs. J. Hamilton on behalf of petitioners (Petition Filed)
- (d) Mrs. Doris Hartley on behalf of Killarney Champlain Citizens for Action
- (e) Miss M. Lapp
- (f) Mr. Nicholas Marmaros.

The Council then considered the following report of the City Manager dated April 29, 1976, in which the City Engineer reported:

"GENERAL Projects for works 'by Petition' have been advanced under the provisions of the Local Improvement Procedure By-law and will come before a Court of Revision on May 13, 1976.

The projects are identified as follows:

	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Type</u>
Petition	436	1 to 5	Pavement and Curbs, Higher Zoned
		6 to 65	Pavement and Curbs, Local Residential
		& 277 &	
		278	
		66 & 67	Lane Pavements, Higher Zoned
		68 to 239 ex-	Lane Pavements, Residential Standard
		cept 75, 117,	
		178, 207, 234	
		and 238	
		240 to 243	P.C. Concrete Sidewalks on School Collector Streets

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Local Improvement Subsequent Procedure
Schedule #436 (cont'd)

244 to 260 P.C. Concrete Sidwalks
except 248
and 255
262 to 276 Speed Deterrent Bumps in Lanes

CAPITAL FUNDS

The City's share of the recommended project is available in the 1976 streets Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

I RECOMMEND, subject to the proceedings of the Court of Revision and subsequent approval by Council, that the projects 'by Petition' in Schedule 436 be undertaken."

The City Manager RECOMMENDS that the above report of the City Engineer be approved.

MOVED by Ald. Sweeney,
SECONDED by Ald. Bowers,
THAT Item #97 - Schedule 436 be deleted.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Volrich,
SECONDED by Ald. Sweeney,
THAT Item #188 - Schedule 436 be deferred and the City Engineer bring forward to Council a formal resolution reducing the assessment from commercial to residential;

FURTHER THAT the City Engineer include in his report any other similar properties within the City.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Bowers,
SECONDED by Ald. Cowie,
THAT Items #35 and #38 - Schedule 436 be deferred and the City Engineer report back on the appropriate street widths.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Volrich,
SECONDED by Ald. Bowers,
THAT Item #270 - Schedule 436 be deleted.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Cowie,
SECONDED by Ald. Sweeney,
THAT the recommendation of the City Manager contained in his report dated April 29, 1976, be approved, subject to the amendments made this evening.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Council adjourned at approximately 9:40 p.m.

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The foregoing are Minutes of the Special Council Meeting
(Court of Revision) of May 13, 1976, adopted on June 1, 1976.

A. Phillips
MAYOR

B. N. Little
CITY CLERK